(b) and (c) As per the quick estimates of Index of Industrial Production released by Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) on 11th August, 2000, the overall growth rate of industry during April—June was 2000-2001 5.4% as against 5.7 during the corresponding period in 1999-2000. The details of growth as per use-based classification are as under:

Index of Industrial Production-(Use-Based Classification)
Base: 1993-94= 100

Growth over the corresponding period of the previous year

(percentage)

	Weight	April—June	
		1999-2000	2000-2001
Basic goods	355.12	3.3	5.5
Capital Goods	96.87	10.6	0.0
Intermediate Goods	264.39	10.5	4.0
Consumer Goods	283.62	2.1	8.5
Consumer Durables	51.15	13.0	23.9
Consumer- non-Durables	232.47	-0.6	4.1
Overall Industry	1000.00	5.7	5.4

The above table indicates that there has been a marginal decline in the growth of industry during the first quarter of this year. Some sectors of industry like consumer durables, consumer-non-durables and basic goods have posted remarkable growth while some have posted slow-down during the current quarter. Therefore, it is incorrect to say that this is a dismal performance.

Nevertheless the Government is aware of the ASCON Industry Monitor of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) April—June, 2000 over April—June 1999 as per which "industry is consistently recovering and moving forward on the growth path, except some sectors". It is continuously monitoring the performance of the industrial sector and will take necessary steps at appropriate time.

Single Window Clearance for Export-Import

2949. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 791 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th December, 1998 and state:

(a) the execution status of the single window clearance for export-import activities and change in Labour Law required for export growth;

(b) the list of institutions/agencies through which research, market survey and related activities are conducted to make India's trade viable in world market offensively rather than present defensive and outcome thereof;

(c) the findings and future strategies; and

(d) the list of items on which patent right has been granted in favour of India?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Since different Central and State agencies provide different services, it is not possible to introduce single window system for all export items. However Government has formulated various measures towards streamlining procedures such as electronic filing of applications, prescribing time schedule for considering licensing applications, substantial delegation of powers and rationalisation of export promotion schemes. These measures do not include any proposal for changes in labour laws exclusively for the export sector.

(b) and (c) Some of the main Institutions/Agencies connected with export-import growth and developments are Commodity Boards. Export Promotion Councils, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Federation of Indian Export Organisation, India Trade Promotion Organisation etc. The suggestions based on their experience and the study and research made by these organisations are received by Government from time to time and after due consideration, these are incorporated in the EXIM Policy depending on the suitability thereof.

(d) the list of items on which patent right has been granted in favour of India?

Officials in the Service of WTO

2950. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that some officials who negotiated on behalf of the country at the WTO have joined the service under the WTO;

(b) if so, the names of such officials and details of salary offered at the WTO; and

(c) whether Government would consider banning the employment of retired officials of Government of India at such bodies?